## Family Ties

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## **Andromeda**

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Angry and dangerous,

She storms into the house

Shrieking as if spawned by banshees

And not our misguided parents.

She blasts everything in her way

Firing thunderbolts

From her elegant fingertips.

An involuntary scream of terror

Escapes my suddenly dry lips.

I scramble for my wand,

Knowing this action is futile.

I shout at Ted to escape,

As I try desperately to distract

My older sibling,

Hoping the menacing hands

Of the crazed witch before me

Will not destroy him.

I writhe in torment,
Feeling my poor bones break
On the stone floor.
I feel my blood seethe,
Boiling beneath my papery skin.
The life I tenderly carry convulses
As my baby is racked by the assault we suffer
And as I howl in anguish and fear.
When the pain finally subsides
I become aware
Of my husband lying
Unconscious beside me.
I look wildly around
For the revengeful harpy.
I panic when I come to myself
With my wand missing
And a malevolent circle cast about me,
Denying me my use of magic.
Suddenly, with a burst of light
And a resounding crack,
An intense heat fills the house.
A sinister grey smoke,
Thick and choking,
Seeps into the room.
In helpless terror
I claw at the windows,
Trying to escape our flaming prison.
I see my once-loved sister
Dancing with delight
As we die.
I lay down beside Ted
Hugging his lifeless body to mine.
As deadly smoke enters my burning lungs,
The toxins streaming through my veins.
I see a shadowed figure
Standing in the corner,
Beckoning me to follow him
With a skeletal finger.
Reluctantly I succumb
To his insistence.
Ted will be waiting for me, and our child.

When Bella hits me with the Cruciatis Curse